

## **VI. Volunteer appreciation**

### **A. Small tokens of appreciation**

Volunteers will be honored in their accomplishments when possible by receiving gifts for a designated amount of service. This will be an official t-shirt once volunteers have reached 20 hours of service.

Volunteers donating 50 hours will be honored by receiving a hat with the program logo.

### **B. Reports**

An annual newsletter will highlight news about the volunteer program. This will acknowledge the accomplishments of volunteers, list new stewards, include an article about the Steward of the Year, and highlight other stories. Summaries will be given for impact of the program including numbers of volunteers, hours, number of sites impacted, acreage, and any other relevant information.

### **C. SNA Steward of the Year**

Committed volunteers will be invited to an annual event acknowledging their efforts. During this or other events the Steward of the Year award will be awarded to one individual or group who exhibit commitment to caring for SNAs through some or all of these qualities:

- Impacting the ecological health of an SNA
- Encouraging others to join in and inspiring them in the process
- Educating themselves and others
- Forming outstanding working relationships with SNA managers
- Achieving goals set in property management meetings
- Possessing exceptional knowledge of an SNA

A press release, Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, and other publications may acknowledge the Steward of the Year.

### **D. Picnics**

A picnic event for volunteers will occur annually. There is no official format but previous events have included a picnic style lunch and an outdoor field trip with learning component afterwards. Once the program expands multiple events may be held around the state near active volunteers and will be coordinated by the regional volunteer coordinator.